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Wabash County Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wabash County Courthouse on Monday, July 9, 2012. Chairman Brian K. Hauptert called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. with all members present: Hauptert, Scott E. Givens and Barry J. Eppley. The proceedings of the meeting were recorded by Deputy Auditor Linda Conrad. The minutes of the July 2, 2012 meeting were reviewed. Eppley made a motion to approve the minutes as written; his motion was seconded by Givens and passed 3-0.

Hauptert opened the floor to Dennis-Alan who presented an "Affidavit of Truth and Fact" in reference to Cause Number 85C01-1202-MI-153 filed in Wabash Circuit Court and requested that the Commissioners determine the status of a "Common Law Court" in Wabash County. Dale-Francis also spoke on behalf of Douglas-Alan. Givens made a motion to take the matter take under advisement and consult with the County Attorney; his motion was seconded by Eppley and affirmed by a 3-0 vote.

John Martin, County Highway Superintendent:

1. Reported that United Consulting has completed load ratings for all bridges in Wabash County and recommends that weight limits be placed on the following two (2) bridges:
 - a. Bridge 118 (on 75 E over Burr Creek south of Baumbauer Road) the recommendation is a twelve (12) ton weight limit.
 - b. Bridge 701 (on Walnut Street over Grant Creek in LaFontaine, between Branson Street and Logan Street) the recommendation is a thirteen (13) ton weight limit.

Following discussion, Eppley made a motion to approve the recommended weight limits on both bridges; his motion was seconded by Givens and passed by a 3-0 vote.

2. Presented an application for a utility permit from Frontier Communications to bore thirty (30) feet under 400 E to place a telephone drop at 7695 N 400 E. Givens made a motion to approve the utility permit; his motion was seconded by Eppley and passed by a 3-0 vote.

Bob Land, Wabash County Sheriff:

1. Stated the average daily population in the jail for the week ending July 8, 2012 was 87; seven (7) inmates are housed at the Miami County Jail; the peak population last week was 89.
2. Stated the first female G.E.D. class (adult education) at the jail will begin July 17th. Pastor Mike Castro is leading the program with assistance from retired teachers.

Bob Brown, EMA and Central Dispatch Director reported that he and EMA assistant Keith Walters completed certification training this weekend in Elkhart. He also reported there will be EMAC/LEPC and Citizens Corp meetings on Wednesday at 1:00 P.M.

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County Attorney Steve Downs presented:

1. License Agreement For Temporary Use of County Highway Communications Tower with SonRise Communications, LLC during the Wabash County 4-H Fair, July 9-16, 2012. Eppley made a motion to approve the agreement; his motion was seconded by Givens and passed by a 3-0 vote. Hauptert signed the agreement.
2. General Ordinance 2012-85-10, An Ordinance Regulating Traffic On County Highways, establishing a 30 mph speed limit on Old Slocum Trail between SR 13 to 1,362 feet east of SR 13. Givens made a motion to approve the ordinance; seconded by Eppley and passed by a 3-0 vote. Eppley made a motion to suspend the rules and proceed with the second reading; seconded by Givens and passed by a 3-0 vote. Eppley then made a motion to approve the ordinance; seconded by Givens and passed 3-0.
3. Reviewed the First Amendment to Industrial Development Grant Fund Grant Agreement, IDGF-06-824, with the Indiana Economic Development Corporation and Wabash County. Whereas the state has determined that the (CR 800 N) project was completed successfully; in addition, North Manchester Ethanol, LLC has exceeded the expectations and goals regarding the creation of jobs for Wabash County; the state has determined that the County should be fully paid the \$100,000 grant that was originally intended and the Agreement is extended to August 1, 2012 for the filing of claims. A motion to approve the amendment was made by Eppley; seconded by Givens and approved by a 3-0 vote. The amendment was signed by Hauptert.
4. Requested permission to release a copy of the Phase I Environmental Study completed in August 2012 on the Hoffer property to Chris Shaw of Soil and Materials working with the local Brownfield Consortium. Commissioners gave unanimous approval.

Jim Dils, County Coordinator reported that the cooling tower which serves the courthouse and judicial center stopped working on Monday but was repaired that evening.

Linda Conrad, Deputy Auditor, presented to the Commissioners:

1. A claim from Tiede, Metz & Downs for June 2012 invoice. Commissioners reviewed and unanimously approved.
2. Also presented the following items for Commissioners' review:
INDOT Official Notification of Additional Funding for Ogden Road, Bridge 24: \$30,000
INDOT Official Notification of Additional Funding for Bridge 645 over Eel River: \$121,800
IDEM Notice of Decision: Approval – Effective immediately – Aleris Recycling, Inc.
Thank you note from Steve Jones of United Consulting

Mike Howard, Planning Director, stated the Wabash Planning Commission Board has approved The Comprehensive Plan of Wabash County Indiana 2012. He will

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confer with Downs this week and return next week to address the Commissioners regarding certification and proposed adoption of the Plan.

Matthew Romary and Carrie Biehl of Romary Associates, along with Wabash County Treasurer Sharon Shaw updated the Commissioners on the plan to redesign the Treasurer's office. They presented a proposed floor plan and are waiting on information from two (2) local vendors before they can present an estimated budget. They plan to return in a couple of weeks with proposed costs.

No other business, the meeting recessed. The Commissioners will meet on Monday, July 16, 2012 in the meeting room on the second floor of the Wabash County Courthouse starting at 9:00 A.M.

*Approved as written – July 16, 2012